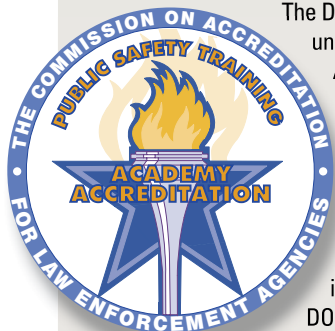


DOCJT Receives Fourth CALEA Reaccreditation



The Department of Criminal Justice Training underwent its third Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. reaccreditation On-Site Assessment Jan. 9 through 12.

The assessment consisted of interviews, observation of facilities and activities, and thorough review of proof-of-compliance files. The interviews conducted were with

DOCJT personnel, basic training and professional development students, and recent graduates of basic training. Correspondence

and calls were received by the assessors from chiefs, sheriffs and other law enforcement executives across the state.

In their exit interview, the assessors concluded and reported that DOCJT was in full compliance with all applicable CALEA standards, and they were impressed with the candor and professionalism of DOCJT's staff and students.

A final and more detailed report will be available in late March, following the commission's annual conference, where reaccreditation status will be formally announced.

Law Enforcement Fatalities Rise Sharply for Second Straight Year

For the second straight year, law enforcement fatalities nationwide rose sharply with 173 federal, state and local officers killed in the line of duty during 2011, according to preliminary data compiled and released by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. This represents a 13 percent increase over the 153 officers killed in 2010 and an alarming 42 percent spike when compared to the 122 officers who lost their lives in the line of duty in 2009. The primary cause of death in 2011 was gunfire, which claimed the lives of 68 officers and nearly matched the decade-high of 69 firearms-related deaths in 2007.

In 2011, the number of officers killed on the roadway dropped by 10 percent, formerly the prime cause of law enforcement fatalities. During the past year, more officers were killed in Florida than in any state. On average, the officers who died in 2011 were 41 years old and had served for 13 years.

2012 KLEMF Golf Tournament Scheduled for June 11

The Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation's annual golf tournament will be conducted on June 11 at the Gibson Bay Golf Course in Richmond, Ky.



For more information or to sign up for the tournament, please contact Pam Smallwood at pam.smallwood@ky.gov or (859) 622-8081.

GRANTS ANNOUNCED

Gov. Beshear Announces \$4.1 Million in Homeland Security Grants

In November 2011, Gov. Steve Beshear announced \$4.1 million in state homeland security grants for 125 projects across the commonwealth. The funding supports 911 programs, mobile computers and radios, bomb detection devices and first-responder training.

"These projects will strengthen the effectiveness of our first responders as they execute their important mission of protecting Kentuckians when natural and man-made disasters strike," Beshear said. "I am confident that this allocation of federal dollars has been maximized to help keep citizens safe and secure."

In addition, non-discretionary grant funds provided to Kentucky include \$536,386 to Metropolitan Medical Response Systems for Louisville Metro and Lexington-Fayette County, and \$157,802 for the Kentucky Citizen Corps Program. The Citizen Corps Program works with communities around the state to prevent crime and respond to emergencies.



The approved grants can be viewed at www.homelandsecurity.ky.gov/gp, or scan this QR code with your smart phone.



Juvenile Justice Commissioner Ron Haws Retires, Hasan Takes Place

Department of Juvenile Justice Commissioner Ron Haws retired Dec. 31, 2011 after nearly four years of service with DJJ.

"In the best of circumstances, the mission of our juvenile justice system is carried out in delicate, often wrenching conditions," said Justice and Public Safety Cabinet Sec. J. Michael Brown. "With the economic downturn and the challenges that places on families and the commonwealth, we've not had the luxury of operating in the best of circumstances. Commissioner Haws has skillfully navigated the department through these rough waters, and leaves a solid course of providing rehabilitation to the young people entrusted to our care."

A. Hasan Davis, the former deputy commissioner in charge of operations for DJJ, was named acting commissioner, effective Jan. 1. A 1992 graduate of Berea College, Davis also holds a Juris Doctor from the University of Kentucky College of Law.

"Hasan's diverse background in working with young people and his experience overseeing the operation of the department make him the natural choice to assume this role," Brown said. "He brings exceptional talent and experience to this critical area."